



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner T. Nguyen

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For : STAGE ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR OPTICAL  
MICROSCOPE INCLUDING Z-AXIS STAGE  
AND PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR FOR  
RECTILINEAR TRANSLATION OF Z STAGE

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Responsive to the final Office action dated December 19, 2005, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the claim listing that begins on page  
6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.